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VIKING SQUADRON OFFICER IS MINNESOTA MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Breezy Point, MN – Lieutenant Colonel Barney Uhlig received Minnesota Wing's Senior Member of the Year Award during a ceremony on May 4th. Colonel Uhlig is Deputy Commander of Viking Squadron that meets Tuesday Nights at Bloomington Covenant Church.

The Senior Member of the Year Award recognizes Colonel Uhlig for his outstanding Service to Viking Squadron and service through his CAP service. Colonel Uhlig was instrumental in developing an Emergency Services training program for Viking Squadron. After the 9-11 Attacks on America, Colonel Uhlig organized a training program for his squadron and other area CAP units to prepare them for Ground Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief and Air Search and Rescue missions.

Colonel Uhlig was decorated with a Commander's Commendation Award at the 2002 Minnesota Wing Conference, held at Breezy Point Resort 3-5 May.

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